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YOUTH'S VIEW OF GOD

Luke 15:11-21\*

CL 123  
Joy and love

INT: Many underestimate the true nature of Jesus.  
 Luke 2:40, 52. Human, child, teen! Knew feelings, problems, pains and disappointments of youth. (Everyone else has one!

1. Home for 30 yrs.  
 2. Bros. & sis.  
 met 13/5/55

All kids in Nazareth going! No other family in Palestine as narrow as mine!) <sup>Heb</sup> 4:15  
QUALIFIED: To teach parable of Two Sons because knew the mind of youth as well as anyone.

Father: represented God, whom many youth say is TOO OLD, OUTDATED, BEHIND THE TIMES, OVER 30!, TOO SELFISH and TOO BUSY to understand or care about the feelings of young people.

Youngest: represents youth today and many immature adults who feel that they know what they need more than anyone else and are hell-bent on what they please in spite of anything God, Christ, Bible, Church, Parents or Preacher can tell them about the ultimate dangers involved.

STUDY: Spiritually immature mind as it sees God.

FOUR BLESSINGS THE PRODIGAL DID NOT APPRECIATE. 12

1. Sonship status. Prov. 10:1. A wise son.....
2. Safety of spirit. Ps. 84:10. I had rather....
3. Hardy health. Ps. 37:25. I have been young...
4. Favored future. Matt. 6:33. Col. 3:2.

II. FOUR REASONS THE PRODIGAL WANTED TO LEAVE HOME.

1. Parental prattle. Prov. 3:1 My son forget not
2. Big Brother Bully. 2nd fiddle. Run over. 2nds
3. Lust for liberty. Prov. 21:2. Every way of a
4. Contagious curiosity. Tales of travelers.....

III. FOUR CONDITIONS FOUND IN THE FAR COUNTRY.

1. Release from restraint. (Nazareth a hangout.)
2. Fun, folly & foolishness. Prov. 19:4. Wealth..
3. Forfeiture of fortune & failure. Vs. 14.
4. Famine and faithless-friends. Vs. 15.

IV. FOUR ADVANTAGES HE CAME TO APPRECIATE. V. 17.

1. Safety of sonship. 98% runaways soon return.
2. Security of sincere associates. Acts 2:44-47.
3. Happiness in good health. I Tim. 6:6-8.
4. Satisfaction in sound living. Matt. 16:24-27.

IV. Prodigal showed all the usual signs of the unspiritual, immature mind today. Ex. (over)

El. 14 yr. olds letter: Mother, older sis., Slave.  
Unhappy, restless, resentful.

El. 14 yr. girl. In love with divorced man. Refused  
by dad. Ran off. Hitch-hiked. attacked & violated. Reported.  
Scare. Brother!

El. EX. Perry Barnes, prin. Pleasant Grove  
Christian School (H.S.) Dallas.

T.H. senior chosen Senior Queen at  
public H. S. Involved improper dress  
and presiding at school dances.  
At camp: She asked which she loved the  
most--Jesus or H. S. popularity.

Answer: "Popularity" drunk on egotism!  
Forgot: Mk. 16:15-16????  
Lasted two days! Value of Chr. Camps!  
Rededicated her life to Christ! I J. 1:9.  
Consequences incidental!!!  
Ready to deny, take up, follow Christ!

QUESTIONS:

1. You know anyone who thinks like  
prodigal son? DO YOU?
2. Do you think he would have been  
far wiser to have stayed at home?  
Scare. Know you do!
3. Know anyone who has  
strayed off like this boy did? Have you?
4. Know of any grander step a prodigal  
could take tonight than coming  
home to God to gain peace of mind  
once again?

If subject to Gospel Inv. in any  
way, I hope you will come home now.

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